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ROBERT E. OIDTMAN) Group Art Unit: 3635
Application No. 10/826,753)
Filed: April 16, 2004)
For: Bracket and Pole Assembly)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-cited patent application without prejudice as set forth below.

AMENDMENTS

- a. Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- b. Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 12 of this paper.
- c. "Drawings"** begins on page 13 of this paper.
- d. Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

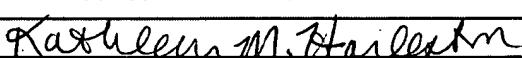


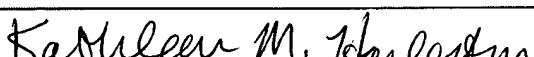
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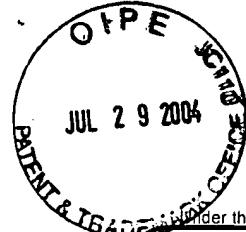
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1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims, over original patent
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1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210 Extension for reply within second month	
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1401	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal	
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1453	1,330	2453	665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
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